

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday:
Virginia—Snow Wednesday, except rain in extreme southeastern portion. Light rain or snow; light to fresh northeast to east winds.
North Carolina—Rain on the coast; rain or snow in the interior. Wednesday, from north to south, fair, with light to fresh northeast to east winds. Thursday probably fair, with light to fresh northeast to east winds.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	31
11 A. M.	32
1 P. M.	33
3 P. M.	34
5 P. M.	35
7 P. M.	36
9 P. M.	37
11 P. M.	38
Average	35.2-3

Highest temperature yesterday..... 50
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 29
Mean temperature yesterday..... 39
Normal temperature for December..... 40
Departure from normal temperature..... -1
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... 0

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
December 2, 1903.
Sun rises..... 7:06
Sun sets..... 4:51
Moon rises..... 4:37
Moon sets..... 2:51

Richmond.
Bourke Cockran charms a great audience at the Academy of Music—Western Union messengers strike and the superintendent puts negroes in their place—A bill offered in the House to punish kidnapping with death—Measure to erect a \$10,000 State House at St. Louis—Legislature limited to sixty days—Historic house to be sold—Taxes must be paid or voters will be disfranchised—John M. Campbell acquitted of charge of selling liquor on Sunday, but fined \$100 because the violation between his bar and restaurant was not sufficient; case of George Bannister is continued—Atlantic Coast Line preparing for the annual night South—Gov. Robert Strange defines his position—Mission boat Samuel N. Lapsley capsizes on the Congo River—Her crew of twenty-three and H. C. Slaymaker of Alexandria, drowned—S. perintendent of the penitentiary to be elected Monday afternoon—Case in the United States Circuit Court—Large increase in receipts from tax on manufactured tobacco—No solution yet of the forged F. S. letter matter—Grand Lodge of Masons meet—NANCHESTER—S. Stephen Putney Shoe Company to move its plant from Richmond to Manchester—S. S. Hildreth, club organized—Successful huntman—Bills to meet at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning—Entertainment to be given at Corley's Hall—Visitors to Manchester.

Virginia.
A wealthy man of Craig county kills himself for no accountable reason—Change of boat schedule on the Rappahannock gives displeasure to the Fredericksburg merchants—Telephone company in Spotsylvania pays a good dividend—Time meeting of teachers—Accommodations for the winter—A mob of molasses men at Norfolk navy yard seriously injured—Letter from Delegate McKee of Richmond, in regard to the Mann bill—Advised as evidence in court at Norfolk—Ladies at Norfolk sell at the Jamestown Company—Newspapers and the news—S. S. Hildreth, club organized—Successful huntman—Bills to meet at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning—Entertainment to be given at Corley's Hall—Visitors to Manchester.

North Carolina.
Damaging evidence against prominent socialist charged at Winston-Salem—Conflicting testimony in regard to the removal of Prof. Bassett—Well known citizen of Iredell county run down by freight train and killed—A man, who while in prison, was hanged at Trenton, declared on the scaffold he did not commit the murder with which he was charged—Dr. Jay found guilty of the murder of his children, and sentenced at Asheville for thirty years—The Yarrowborough Hotel at Raleigh to be closed—Legislature and the news—S. S. Hildreth, club organized—Successful huntman—Bills to meet at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning—Entertainment to be given at Corley's Hall—Visitors to Manchester.

General.
Stock prices take a higher level, but the smallness of the net changes leaves a suspicion of speculative manipulation—Resolution introduced in the Senate—Investigation of the frauds in the Postoffice Department—Members of minority in the House want the Republic to stand against the tariff—Policy during hour debate before the body adjourned until Friday—President is said to be working for Wood and the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate not to present an adverse report on the confirmation of the nomination of his pet, but probable the nomination will not be confirmed in which case it is thought Wood will resign his commission—State Department will continue to receive the news—General Wood, except to aid in bringing about peace between Panama and Colombia—Not a single favorite wins at Benning, though the spectacle is one of the best jumping races ever seen on the track—Great activity on cotton market and prices go up sixteen to twenty-six points—Big cargo of cotton is shipped from Seattle—Tug boats collide and one is lost in two and sunk, with loss of life—Japan and Russia have reached an amicable adjustment of their differences, whereby Japan agrees to the Manchurian treaty, in consideration of concessions in Korea.

PROFESSOR BOWNE CHARGED WITH HERESY
(By Associated Press.)
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ANOTHER VICTIM OF CAR BARN BANDITS
(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Detectives Joseph Driscoll, who was shot in the fight in Indiana with the three car barn bandits, died at the Merck Hospital to-day.

THE DEATH OF DETECTIVE DRISCOLL
The death of Detective Driscoll will be charged to Peter Neidermeyer, who admitted that he shot Driscoll as the latter sprang upon the railroad tracks near the dug-out.

PRESIDENT WORKING FOR WOOD

Asks the Committee to Recommend Him.
HE HAS PROBABLY PREJUDICED HIS CASE

No Truth in the Report That Wood Will be Sent for to the Philippines.

IF NOT CONFIRMED WOOD WILL RESIGN

Lack of Confirmation Will Not Effect Those Officers Who Have Been Promoted Along With Him—He Would Resume the Rank of Brigadier-General.

Times-Dispatch Bureau.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The fact was developed to-day that so great is the desire of President Roosevelt to have the Senate confirm the nomination of General Leonard Wood to be major-general that he has sent for the members of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs and requested them not to report adversely upon the nomination. It is believed that every member of the committee has been seen by the President.

It is certain that, in addition to his making the request of several of the Republican members, two of the Democrats on the committee have been asked to grant the similar favor. The members of the committee were sent for by the President at various times to come to see him, and when they called at the White House, he preferred the request to help along the confirmation of the nomination of this pet. It is known that the cause of Wood. It is known that the committee against him, and as matters are now, he will vote against a report recommending the confirmation.

TO SUNDOWN WOOD.
The assertion made in some quarters that Wood would probably be summoned from the Philippines to testify before the committee, in view of the very grave charges which have been made against him, especially by General Brooke, appears to be unfounded. An official of the War Department said to-day that nothing had been heard of any intention on the part of the committee to ask that Wood be brought here, and a member of the committee thought that this would not be done. The statement made in a number of newspapers, which favor the confirmation of Wood, that if the nomination is not confirmed he and all the officers under him, who have been promoted because of the promotion of Wood, would have to retire from the army, because their old places were filled, is entirely incorrect. If the nomination is not confirmed, General Wood will not be promoted to the rank of brigadier, the colonel will become a colonel again, and so on down.

WOOD WILL RESIGN.
It is said that if the nomination be not confirmed Wood will resign his commission. It would appear that if the testimony now being adduced should cause the Senate to refuse to confirm the nomination, and if the House should discharge Wood, the next thing which General Wood would have to confront. There can be no doubt of the fact that the probability of the committee refusing to recommend the confirmation of the nomination is a possibility.

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GREAT ACTIVITY IN COTTON MARKET
Close Steady at an Advance of 16 to 26 Points—Sales Estimated at Million Bales.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Still greater excitement and activity marked the opening of to-day's cotton market. First prices showed an advance of 13 to 19 points, with December selling at 11.55; January at 11.65; March at 11.75; May at 11.75, and so on.

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NO SOLUTION YET OF FORGERY MYSTERY

My Nov. 24-1903
John B. Minor
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir,
Your favor of 21st inst inviting me to appear before your Committee is received. Engagements have made it impossible for me to leave Norfolk for the present. Thanking you for your courtesy
Very Truly
G. E. Fisher

THE GENUINE FISHER LETTER.
The above is a fac simile of the genuine letter sent by Mr. George E. Fisher, of New York, to Mr. John B. Minor, chairman of the Municipal Investigating Committee, in response to one from Mr. Minor, requesting the former to appear and testify as to street railway matters.

A fac simile of the signature to the other letters, which have been pronounced a forgery, is also given herewith. There is no end to the speculation which is being indulged in concerning the writer of the forged letter and the motives which could have prompted its writing. and it is likely that the author's name and motives will never be revealed. No light was thrown on the matter yesterday, though it was widely discussed and deepest interest is being manifested.

Very Truly Yours
G. E. Fisher
THE BOGUS SIGNATURE.

BANKRUPT PROPHET
Receivers Appointed to Take Charge of Property of John Alexander Dowie.

IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES
He Appeals in Vain to His Followers to Go Down in Their Pockets and "Dig Up."

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Financial difficulties which began during the crusade of John Alexander Dowie, the self-styled "Elijah III," and his restoration host to New York a month ago, and which have been rapidly increasing since Dowie's return, culminated to-night in the Federal Courts taking possession of all the property controlled by Dowie, in Zion City, Ill. This town, which was founded two years ago by Dowie, has a population of over 10,000. It is the general headquarters for Dowie's church, and is said to represent an expenditure of \$20,000,000.

Frederick M. Blount, cashier of the Chicago National Bank, and Albert D. Currie, a law partner of Congressman Boutwell, were appointed receivers of the property. Their bonds were fixed at \$100,000 by Judge Kohlsaat, of the United States District Court, who made the appointment on the petition of several creditors. The receivers left for Zion City to-night to take possession of the property.

DECLARED BANKRUPT.
The bankruptcy proceedings against Dowie were based on the allegation that he is insolvent, and that while in this financial condition he committed an act of bankruptcy by making a preferential payment on November 23, to the E. Lumber Company, of \$3,770. Dowie has been hard pressed by his creditors, especially since it was announced that his recent mission to New York had proved unsuccessful financially.

Dowie is known to have accumulated a large sum as the head of the Christian Catholic Church, the assets of the organization being estimated at between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000. There was a large outlay of money, however, when Zion City was started. Then lace and candy industries were started, and as neither of these ventures has ever been a paying investment a great deal more money was tied up.

Last Wednesday Dowie's first confession of weakness was made at a rally in the tabernacle at Zion City. "A lot of you people have cash in your pockets," Dowie said to his followers. "Dig down and get it out. It is God's, and we need it for his work. You're cowards if you don't give it up." Dowie, talked in the same strain for more than an hour, tears glistening on his cheeks as he told of the financial straits in which the Zion industries found themselves. Instead of frightening many into donating, the appeal sent a long line of people to the bank on Friday, when they

MISSION BOAT WAS CAPSIZED

The Lapsley Goes Down and 24 Are Lost.

H. C. SLAYMAKER ONE OF THE VICTIMS

He Was Business Manager of the Congo Mission and Native of Virginia.

THE LAPSLEY WAS BUILT IN RICHMOND
Constructed at the W. R. Trigg Yards and Launched Here. About Two Years Ago. Particulars of the Tragedy Are as Yet Extremely Meagre.

Throughout the length and breadth of Richmond yesterday, and particularly among the Presbyterians of the city, there was received with profound sorrow the news of the disaster in far away Africa that cost one devoted missionary and twenty-three native Christians their lives, and that narrowly escaped inflicting a similar fate upon others in the little boat.

A half dozen brief words by telegram from Nashville, the Presbyterian mission headquarters, conveyed to the denomination here the sad story that was later amplified to some extent by press dispatches from the same place. All told, however, the information obtained was distressingly meagre, conveying nothing but the cold, bare fact that the little Congo boat Lapsley, built here, had capsized in midstream and that twenty-four persons had met death by drowning, including H. C. Slaymaker, a Virginian well known in Richmond. Beyond this the telegram stated nothing but the additional fact that two other missionaries—Max and Vard—had escaped the horrible accident, occurred no one yet knows, or will know, until those providentially saved can write home.

Lapsley Built Here.
Among the Presbyterians of the South, and particularly of Richmond, the Congo mission, in the heart of the dark continent, has been a source of constant and chapters in the denominational history were recorded by the side of this mysterious river, in the self-sacrificing labors of devoted men, some of whom laid down their lives for the faith. Lack of sufficient funds has prevented so great a development of the work there as might have been wished, but the regular reports from the field told of daily wonders being accomplished with the aid of the little steamer that plied up and down the stream to the vast wonder and amazement of the simple-minded natives.

The Samuel N. Lapsley was what the boat was called, in memory of the great missionary who devoted his best years to missionary work in Africa and other places. It was built in Richmond about two years ago by the William R. Trigg Company, and was immediately taken to Africa as a mission boat. Since then it has been in constant use on the Congo. The Lapsley was neatly fitted up and was equipped with all the conveniences of a modern steamship. The outfitting of the mission was complete, and by many exercises here will be recalled. Lack of funds, however, prevented so great a development of the work there as might have been wished, but the regular reports from the field told of daily wonders being accomplished with the aid of the little steamer that plied up and down the stream to the vast wonder and amazement of the simple-minded natives.

Crippled the Mission.
Recently the Committee on Foreign Missions has been enabled to make a much-needed increase in the number of the missionaries in the Congo field. Two of the missionaries had agreed to reduce the freight rates on the Congo for export, \$3.13 per cent, and said further he had feared that rates on all products in Interstate commerce from Chicago east had been raised. Mr. Williams said that under the guise of a sacred duty, "under the name of the 'standard' policy of the American people while selling to the foreigner cheaper than the foreigner can manufacture."

THE MISSOURI JOINS THE NAVY
Was Turned Over to Uncle Sam With Simple Ceremonies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 1.—The new battleship Missouri was formally turned over to the government this morning by Superintendent Post, of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and placed in commission, Captain W. S. Cowles, who went aboard yesterday, accepting her and taking command. The ceremonies were brief and simple. The vessel left the yard and anchored in the harbor at 8 o'clock.

At 10 o'clock a boat arrived from Norfolk with the crew. The officers and petty officers were already aboard, and Superintendent Post was taken out in a launch shortly afterward. The crew was drawn up on deck, and after the ship had been turned over to the captain the stars and stripes went to the masthead as the band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

The men were then dismissed and assigned to their quarters. The ship will go to the Portsmouth navy yard tomorrow to take stores and receive the remainder of her crew before leaving to join the battleship squadron. W. M. Cottrell was to-day elected president of the Fable Shoe Company. President V. M. Flemming gets on the road as a salesman.

TARIFF DEBATE IN HOUSE

"Stand Pat" Policy of Republicans Arraigned.

MINORITY LEADER BITTER IN ATTACK

Says Opposition Furnishes Shelter Whereby Trusts Can Rob American People.

MAY INVESTIGATE POSTAL DEPARTMENT
Senator Penrose Introduces Resolution Authorizing Request of Postmaster-General for All Papers Connected With the Recent Investigation.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The House after being in session for a little more than an hour, to-day adjourned until Friday. The time was almost wholly consumed in a discussion which was largely a tariff debate. When Mr. Payne had offered a motion to adjourn over, Mr. Williams, the minority leader, suggested that they would like about thirty minutes on a side for debate, whereupon Mr. Payne asked the consent of the House. The Speaker, announcing the request, said: "The gentleman from New York, at the suggestion of the gentleman from Mississippi, asks unanimous consent that there be thirty minutes' talk on a side."

In turning it "a talk" instead of debate, the Speaker evoked laughter from both sides of the House. Mr. De Armond (Missouri), amused the House for ten minutes by likening the present procedure of Congress to the Alphonse and Gaston of vaudeville. "How magnificent," he said, "the question of, adjournment of the extra session of the Alphonse of the Senate is saying to the Gaston of the House, 'After you, my dear Gaston,' and the Gaston of the House is saying to the Alphonse of the Senate, 'After you, my dear Alphonse,' and Leon standing off at a distance says, 'How magnificent! How magnificent! How magnificent! (Democratic laughter.) But aside he is giving this expression, 'I wish I had four years of my own in that dear White House at Washington, D. C. This spectacle has to be gone through with because no more important matters are to be disposed of."

TROUBLE AHEAD.
Turning his attention to the subject of committee appointments, Mr. De Armond said facetiously that he was under the impression that the gentleman on the Republican side had not been treating the Speaker just right in not making plain his desires for important chairmanships.

Touching minority committee appointments, Mr. De Armond suggested trouble ahead unless this claim for proper numerical representation was allowed. He counseled the Speaker not to yield to the temptation on this point, but his "bravado" on the Democratic side for "praying." He concluded with the prediction: "We will see the same Alphonse bowing to the House Gaston and the presidential Leon lending his personal misgivings, his doubts and apprehensions as to what may happen."

Mr. Williams (Mississippi), taking up the question of tariff, turned to steel schedules and asked if the Ways and Means Committee could not agree to a reduction on steel and iron products. He said he had been informed that four railroads had agreed to reduce the freight rates on steel products for export, \$3.13 per cent, and said further he had feared that rates on all products in Interstate commerce from Chicago east had been raised. Mr. Williams said that under the guise of a sacred duty, "under the name of the 'standard' policy of the American people while selling to the foreigner cheaper than the foreigner can manufacture."

"STAND PAT" POLICY.
Mr. Hepburn (Tennessee) addressed himself to the "stand pat" policy of the Republicans. Mr. Hemenway (Republican, Indiana), defended the House from the charge of the minority that time was being wasted.

Mr. Hepburn (Iowa), replying to statements made by Mr. Williams, declared that the country never was in better condition, and that this was due to the Republican policy of protection. Replying to Mr. Williams' charge that a shelter was being furnished the trusts, Mr. Hepburn gave figures in connection with the steel and iron industry, comparing prevailing prices with those of the past, and saying that the Republican policy had brought about the grand conditions cited. He said he could see no shelter whereby the trusts can extort from the American people while selling to the foreigner cheaper than the foreigner can manufacture.

In the Senate.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Senator Penrose, chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, to-day introduced a resolution authorizing that committee to request the Postmaster-General to send to the committee all the papers connected with the recent investigation of the Postoffice Department. The resolution, without action, was referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses of the Senate. This action, it is said, is in violation of the Senate rules. The necessary under the Senate rules. The resolution provides: "That the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, in view of the charges of